

New Haven, Aug 17th, 1856.

Dear Father,

I received your letter on Monday, but have been so busily engaged in studying, that this is the only time I have had an opportunity of writing to you. Since I last wrote to you my health has not been so good; the weather changed here very suddenly, which gave me a bad cough, from which I have suffered a good deal in the last week, but from which I am nearly recovered.

Yesterday I had another attack of chills, which I thought I had got rid of, but which I believe now will stick on ~~till~~ for years. I sent for Dr. Ives, who dosed me pretty considerably last night, and I am taking quinine every two hours to day. I hope this will be the last time I will have to take quinine, as I think it does as much harm as the chills.

We made considerable progress in our studies last week, finishing the Iliad, and very nearly completing Livy. Next week we will begin the Prometheus. Besides that we will have to read Herodotus, and some other play. ^{By} Reading a hundred lines a day, we will be able to read all the Greek that is

required. We are obliged to give the roots of nearly all the greek verbs, and in three or four lines to give the Latin words derived from the same roots. Some of the derivations are so obscure that it requires all a persons imagination to see any similarity between them and the original words.

This would seem ridiculous to Mr Sayre, and he would say that it was foolishness. Be it as it may it takes a great deal of our time, but I suppose it is as profitable a use of it as we could make. If we don't get into the Junior Class, it will not be for the want of trying, for we now study 8 hours every day. Will you allow me to go into the Sophomore if I don't enter the Junior? or must I come home. I would rather stay here three years than to study another year in Frankfurt, and then enter the Junior. I think that College would be of infinite greater advantage, than going to school.

Give my love to all; tell Mag I will answer her letter the next leisure moment I get.

Your affect son

Orlando Brown

New Haven Aug 30th 1858

Dear Father

As you requested me in your last letter to consult Dr. Fred about the condition of my lungs, I went to see him yesterday, and he says that there is nothing serious about the matter with them, only that there is a slight derangement, which he can easily cure.

I informed him of the general condition of my health for some time past, so you should have no fear concerning my health, which, I am happy to say, is as good now as it ever was. I have not had a chill since I last wrote, and hope that they have entirely left me. I have not yet received an answer to my letter, which is owing, I suppose, to the fact that you were in Ohio. I hope the trip will be of benefit to Ma's health.

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Although I am and will still do my best to get into the Junior, I am sure that I would get infinite more advantage out of the college by entering the Sophomore. I would then be on an equality, which would not be

the case if I entered the Junior. The way we now have of rushing through one book and then through another, leaves a very imperfect knowledge of what we have read, and will give us no permanent advantage. Whereas if we entered the Sophomore we would have the advantage of studying them carefully, and would also have the best Professors in the country.

I would not be so hard pushed to keep up with the class, but would have time to improve myself in reading, in which I am very deficient.

I do not write this because I fear I won't get into the Junior, for I am very certain that I will, but I think that my College course will be greatly improved by entering the Sophomore.

John can give the best opinions, as he knows all about the College course.

Mr Woods, the gentleman who gave us lessons in drawing about 8 years ago, is now in New Haven giving lessons. He has a view of Frankfort from taken from Boones grave, but it now a very good one because the trees on the edge of the hill obstruct

to the view of half the town.

Tell Benny and Lucas to hurry up their letters.
Give my love to all at Home and Uncle Masoud

Your Affec. son

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New Haven Sep^r 7th 1851

Dear Father

I yesterday received your letter, after waiting for over a week for one. I imagine you have not received my last letter, for you do not make any mention of it in yours. I expect I will get an answer to it some time next week, I shall not then repeat what is contained it, for I know that you will do every thing for the best. We will be examined Monday week, and it is time to determine whether, in the event of a failure, you ~~will~~ allow me to enter the Sophomore or will require me to return home. I know I could improve myself more in the Soph. class than at Mr Seyres.

I wish you would send me those testimonials of good moral character, which are ~~necessary~~ required to be presented before you are admitted into the college. One of the laws of the college is that "Every person, on being admitted must give to the Treasurer a bond, executed by his parent or guardian, for two hundred dollars, to pay all charges which may arise under the laws of the college." I will finish my Greek to-morrow, and

will then go into Latin Prose Composition,
 and also will review the Mathematics. It will ^{be} the
~~best~~ most busy week we have yet had, and I do
 not know whether I will have time to write until
 after the Examination. I believe I am now entirely
 well of the chills, but I don't think they were cured
 by quinine. The last chill I had, I took no quinine,
 and got along as well without as with it. Dr. Dres
 directed me of Dr. Physicians doses in to 8 parts, and
 made me take it every two hours in the day.

I have nothing to write which would interest
 you in the least, and for fear of ~~being~~ boring you
 I will draw my letter to a close. Give my love to
 all,

Your affectionate son
 Orlando Brown.

New Haven Oct. 12, 1856

Dear Father

It has been some time since I wrote to you, and I feel really ashamed of it. I sat down two or three times with the intention of writing but was each time interrupted by some one calling upon me to take a walk or do something which I did not like to refuse them. Since I have got into College I have had more leisure time than I had before, but still the studies keep me very busy. The Latin course is much more thorough than at Mr Sayre's. The reading of the Latin simply is considered a little matter, as ^{the} books-stores are full of translations or "Pomes" as they are commonly called, by which a student may get the reading of the Latin in a few minutes. You are required to give the roots of every word in the lesson, and if there is any, the Greek equivalent. The same is true of the Greek. The only Mathematics we have is Olmsted's Philosophy. Our teacher in this is a Tutor, who is very inferior to Mr Sayre. It seems as if he does not understand the subject himself, and consequently the lesson is said not from understanding what you are reciting, but from memory. There are however several in our division, who

are fine Mathematicians, such as Van Name, who I have heard it said, has not missed a ~~year~~ lesson since he had been in College. He took the valedictory at Andover, and is considered to be the valedictorian of our class - In these three studies I get along finely, but I find myself greatly behind in English Composition. We have to write Disputes once in two weeks, and it gives me great trouble and bother to write them.

With this exception I feel at home in the Juniors, and this arises from not read while I was at home and had so much time. I think that most of John's success lies in his having read so extensively while he had that sore leg. His reputation will last for a long time, and I have heard several say that he did not get as high a stance as he ought to have done and as he deserves. He is said to have done better than any Fresh Junior that had entered the college for many years - John Morehead didn't do half so well. Mr. Dunley and Miss Patten arrived here last night and will leave tomorrow morning. They brought me this pen for which I am much obliged, and will be sure to write at least once

a week, and sometimes after. I heard yesterday
 that Cha & Getz's clothing store had been robbed
 and the safe key taken off by John Meadowcroft.
 It seems like that ~~was~~ an unlucky corner, for
 you know, it was robbed once before, while
 Bob Blackburn, - I think it was, - kept it. I
 have not seen a Commonwealth since I have
 been here, and was very much disappointed
 for I wanted to see an account of the fire.
 I wish you would order it to be sent to me
 and also the back numbers that give an account of
 the fire. I will have to finish this letter now, as
 it is the only time I will have to see Mr Burnley
 before he leaves. Give my love to all.

Your Affectionate Son
 Orlando Brown

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New Haven, Dec. 4th, 1857

Dear Father,

Your long-winded
for letter arrived here yesterday, having been more
than a week in coming. I was very much gratified
to learn that you were pleased with my letter, altho
ugh you expressed dissatisfaction with my
orthography. I will hereafter try to be more correct.
I have needed some one to correct my faults both in ~~writing~~
composition & spelling, & am glad that you have under-
taken to do it. How few seem to think that it a peculiar-
ity of Mr Sayre's & such, but I think it is more
the fault of the student than of Mr Sayre.
The greatest fault of Mr Sayre is, that he does
not put his scholars to writing compositions
long enough, nor does he continue them in
it long enough. This, at least, was the case
while I was there, and I suppose is the
case still. I have felt the want of this ex-
ercise more than any other, since I have
been in college, and I think that it is
unpardonable in him, who is so competent to
teach it, not to devote more of his time to it.

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to be paid before Orlando Brown papers, folder 87 (Ms. A. 8879) to make all my letters free from orthographical mistakes.

I most heartily second your wish that I had a dozen barrels ^{of Apples} for my winter use at my room, a dozen barrels, though, would last but a short time in this entry. They would finish a barrel of Apples before they got up to my room. They are worse on Apples than girls are on town. They consider any thing in the way of estates public property and act accordingly. I wish however that I had them here, I would not object to a ham of bacon to eat during Christmas holiday, just such a one ~~that~~ ^{as} I received last winter. I hope that you will be able to obtain barrels enough for all the Apples you have at Selay-See, as it would be a great pity to lose so many fine & valuable apples, which would bring a pretty large sum. &c

Your Metropolitan Hall is, I suppose, all the rage in Frankfurt, and is nightly filled with the Chivalry & Beauty of Kentucky, brought to Frankfurt by the meeting of the legislature. I have not yet received the papers, which I suppose, contain an account of the opening of the New Theatre, and highly complementary notices of the Actors. So you

imagine the suspense I am in & the success or failure of the first night, will show whether the experiment of building a Theatre will be a successful one or no.

I was really grieved to learn that Mr Jacob Swigert ~~has~~ lost his mind on account of pecuniary difficulties. I thought that he was too wealthy to be seriously troubled about any debts he might incur, and too shrewd to go ~~to~~ a business man to go security for any but the most reliable persons. Is there not some crazy blood in his family? Of course I would not like any of the families to see this, but I think there must be. Otto Swigert is a strange person, & so is Philip which is shown by his talk & his way of falling to sleep on all occasions, even when walking on the street.

In a few moments I must go to lecture, and must therefore close this letter. Give my love to all.

Your affectionate son
Orlando Brown

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Camp At Brown Sew.
May 2nd. 1862.

Dear Father,

We are in camp
three miles & a half from Cum-
berland Ford, & about a mile
from Gen. Morgan's Headquarters.

The Division has been recently
Brigaded - the 16th & 42d Ohio & the
14th & 22nd Ky, constituting the
26th Brigade, under command
of Col De Coucey of the 16th Ohio.
He is an Officer of fine reputation
with no doubt make an excellent
General.

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The only impediment to our
immediate advance, I am informed,
is the want of supplies. I imagine
the big game at the Gap has a
little to do with it.

A reconnoissance was made, a few

days ago, by a part of the 14th &
 some other regiments. They succeeded
 in reaching a point on a level with
 their intrenchments - a good site for
 a Battery. The two sides fired at each
 other for two hours, with a loss on our
 side of three wounded, one severely.
 Some of the Rebels must have been
 killed, as our men kept them from
 their Big Gun - a Sixty. Four pounds
 most of the time by the hot &
 well directed fire they poured in
 upon them. Having accomplished
 all they went for, our forces retreat
 late in the evening.

Since then nothing of interest
 has transpired. At what time the
 Grand attack will be made, is of
 course, known only to the Genl. &
 his confidants of whom I happen
 not to be one.

This evening I go over to the

14th. I do this more for your gratification than my own. The rank it is true is higher & the pay more, but at the same time the responsibility - is much greater. I am not ambitious to obtain positions above my ability to sustain with credit. If I would be afraid to accept this, were it not that I see men occupying the same & higher positions, who I am sure, know little, if any, more about military matters than myself. I am determined to risk it any how, & if I am decapitated by an examining board, other heads will help to fill the basket.

My horse, contrary to expectation, is very sick with lung fever, & I am afraid is going to make a die of it. He is under the treatment of Dr. Shelton the veterinarian.

my Surgeon to the Brigade. He
says the horse is fine animal &
that he will do all he can
to save him.

The men are nearly all
well. They had a terrible scare
about the Small Pox, last week,
on which account some left
without leave. All have been
vaccinated, & no fears need be appre-
hended on that score.

Give my love to all my friends
& believe me to be

Your affectionate son
Orlando Brown Jr.

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Camp De Courcey
May 5th 1862.

Dear Father,

As I promised
in my last, I came over the next
day to the 14th & received my commis-
sion. I have been unable to
find a magistrate or regular U.S.
officer to swear me into it. I
was received better than I ex-
pected. Gallop, the pompous, seemed
the most disappointed of all.
He is a vain, conceited fellow,
with more guts - than the word-
thens brains. What Lockman
admires him for I have been
unable to discover - unless it be
that he acts in the same
capacity to him that Old Tom
used to to Uncle Masow. Old
Tom's pardon - speaks not harshly
of the dead.

He has, however, threats

very respectfully. Cochran,
myself & he were together.

The other officers appear well
enough satisfied. The principal
objection I think is that the
appointment of an "outsider"
seems to cast a slur upon the
Regiment. But that is all non-
sense as Cochran was promoted
the same way. The deed is done
and they might as well recon-
cile themselves to it. I have no
doubt I shall have an agree-
able time of it in the Regt, and
upon the whole glad I ac-
cepted the position.

We were up last night -
under arms from one o'clock till
day, by an order from DeCourcy.
The enemy he said would prob-
ably attack us before morning
they had been seen in strong

force, about 2 miles beyond
 our pickets; & another rumor
 had it had killed 3 & taken
 the other pickets-prisoners. &c
 &c. No enemy came through
 and about breakfast we were
 ordered back to our camp, &
 instructed to be ready to move
 at a moments notice. Here
 we are still. I take advantage
 of this time to send you this
 note not knowing when I may
 have another. It is my impres-
 sion that the Gap will be
 attacked & taken this
 week. The rain of the last
 two days may delay the
 attack & cause the attack
 to be postponed.

The telegraph is completed
 to the fort, and we ^{hear} ~~have~~ of important
 military events, as soon as you

I am out of stamps, and
inclose two dollars for the
purpose of buying some.

Love to all,

Your affectionate son
Orlando Brown Jr.

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Washington D.C.
Jan 3 1866

Dear Father,

My anticipations
of delay in receiving my
final payment were proven
this morning to be incorrect.
as the within inclosure will
show. Please pay Robt B.
Taylor \$100.00 (money loaned me
on my last visit to the Sandy)
and accept for yourself the
balance as part payment
of amounts from me on occa-
sions too numerous to mention

As I wrote yesterday, there
is no need of a letter to day. My
health is excellent and my spirits
improved by this settlement with
the Government.

Your affectionate Son
Orlando Brown

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Cumberland Gap
July 2nd 1862.

Dear Father,

In one of your letters you said that if I needed any light underclothes for summer, they could be made in Frankfort and sent out here. The Sutters have bought such articles, but they demand such extravagant prices, that I am not disposed to buy them. It would be quite an accommodation if you would have made and sent to me some shirts, drawers and socks, and have the same charged to me. My credit I presume is good; the money will be sent as soon as the paymaster pays the Regt. There is now due me 4 months pay, which will enable me to pay off all debts and have something over.

This Division has been perfectly quiet for the last week, as much so as Frankfort in August. The Brigades are camped on the roads leading to the Gap, one (de Courcy's) on the Kentucky side. Then an telegraph wire connecting each with Morgans headquarters. This indicates that our stay here will be for some time, and that all we are expected to do is, to hold the Gap. There will be no use for Newspaper reporters in the 7th Division. There are but few cases of sickness

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in the 14th, ^{Orlando Brown papers, folder 67 [Ms. A B879]} the an mostly diarrhea,
brought on by dealing too much with the
letters. These letters are nuisances which
should be avoided.

Gallop has been appointed Provost
Marshall. The Regt. therefore loses the
very valuable services of St. Louis-Cot.

My love to all. The love I bear you is
too deep to be expressed - it can only be felt.

Your affectionate son
Orlando Brown Jr.